

Amendments to the Specification:

At page one, after the title and before the first sentence, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of International Patent Application No. PCT/NL02/00267, filed on April 24, 2002; which claims priority from Netherlands Patent Application No. NL 1017933, filed on April 24, 2001; both of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.--

After page 17, on new page 18, please insert the following abstract:

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus for dispensing adhesive tape, provided with a housing and receiving a supply roll of adhesive tape and guiding means for, during use, feeding to and through the dispense opening a leading end of adhesive tape unwound from the supply roll brought outside the dispense opening, wherein operating means are provided for moving the cutting means between a first position largely retracted in the housing and a second, cutting position, wherein the cutting means can be brought into contact with adhesive tape fed into and/or through the dispense opening.--

New page 18 of the application with the abstract is also being herewith submitted.